

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Balakrishnan (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,559) in view of Grant et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,208,972). However, at the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action at hand, it is indicated that claim language "...evaluating a context based upon distinct grammars maintained for each speech enabled application comprising persistent, foreground, and background grammars" and "evaluating and prioritizing a context based on a recency of relevant access characteristic" would overcome the prior art of record.

Base Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 as now amended recite such claim terms. Dependent Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-21 and 23 depend from one of base Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 and thus inherit the subject claim limitations. As such Claims 1-23 as now amended are believed to overcome the rejection under § 103. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

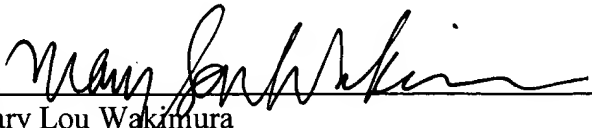
Claims 4, 11 and 18 have been objected to as containing limitations already claimed in the independent claims. Claims 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19 have now been cancelled in favor of respective base Claims 1, 8 and 15. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all now pending claims (Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17 and 20-23) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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